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sHB-5163

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 5370)

House Calendar No.: 298

Senate Calendar No.: 535

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Department of Developmental Services	GF - Cost	3,000	3,000
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill is anticipated to result in a potential minimal revenue gain to the General Fund, and a cost of approximately \$3,000 to Department of Developmental Services (DDS), annually. It allows the legal guardian of a person whose birth is the subject of an acknowledgment of paternity to obtain a certified copy of the acknowledgment from the Department of Public Health (DPH), and requires that certain applicants for employment in DDS programs submit to a national criminal background check.

The State Vital Records Office, within DPH, collects \$30 per certified copy of an acknowledgement of paternity form, which is deposited as unrestricted General Fund revenue. A General Fund revenue gain may result from the bill to the extent that legal guardians seek to obtain certified copies of paternity acknowledgments and pay the

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accompanying fee.

The bill also adds the requirement that applicants for employment in DDS programs providing direct care to DDS consumers submit to a national criminal background check. The agency anticipates paying the \$15 fee associated with this provision for each applicant, resulting in a cost of approximately \$3,000 annually. Other changes to various public health-related statutes within the amendment are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

House "A" added provisions with fiscal impact, as discussed above.

The Out Years

The fiscal impact identified above will continue into the future subject to the number of legal guardians that obtain a certified copy of a paternity acknowledgment, and the number of DDS employment applicant national criminal background checks.

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